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REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner and her supervisor for the interview on January 7, 2004. Applicants also thank the Examiner for the subsequent interview on January 23, 2004, in which the Examiner indicated that the above claims, as amended, are patentable over *Manduley et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,043,908) and the other art of record in this application. No new matter has been added by amendment of the claims. In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request the entry of this Amendment and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

If necessary, please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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